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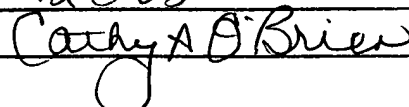
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2002. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was September 4, 2002. A three-month extension of time from September 4, 2002, up to and including December 4, 2002, is hereby respectfully requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Tuesday, December 3, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

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Amendment

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims, in the form they will take after entrance of the present Amendment, are attached as Appendix A.

1. (Twice Amended) An array of at least two different peptides or proteins attached to an optical fiber,